



## **Request for City Council Committee Action From the Department of Public Works**

Date: August 26, 2003  
To: Honorable Sandra Colvin Roy, Chair Transportation & Public Works Committee  
Referral to: Honorable Barbara Johnson, Chair Ways & Means/Budget Committee

**Subject:** Application for Federal Funding for Hazard Elimination

**Recommendation:**

1. Submit one application for federal Transportation Equity Act for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century (TEA-21) funds passed through the state;
2. Commit up to \$64,000 of local resources per federal requirements to support the approved TEA-21 project including a 10% local match, local funding for all ineligible expenses related to the project, and commit to implementing funding for ongoing operations and maintenance expenses.

**Previous Directives:** None

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**Approved by:**

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Klara A. Fabry, P.E., City Engineer, Director of Public Works  
Presenters: Jon Wertjes, P.E., Assistant Director Transportation & Parking Services

**Financial Impact** (Check those that apply)

\_\_\_ No financial impact - or - Action is within current department budget.  
(If checked, go directly to Background/Supporting Information)

\_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Capital Budget

\_\_\_ Action requires an appropriation increase to the Operating Budget

\_\_\_ Action provides increased revenue for appropriation increase

\_\_\_ Action requires use of contingency or reserves

☒ Other financial impact (Explain): If federal funds are awarded, the City must appropriate local capital funds for this project, as well as fund ongoing operations and maintenance expenses of the project for its useful life.

\_\_\_ Request provided to the Budget Office when provided to the Committee Coordinator

**Background/Supporting Information Attached**

We are preparing one application for Federal TEA-21 funds in response to the current Metropolitan Council solicitation for 2007-2008 funds. The project is eligible to compete in the Hazard Elimination Safety category, for which a total of approximately \$2.4 million per year is available in the metropolitan area in 2007-2008. A maximum of \$900,000 can be awarded to a single project, and a 10% local match is required. In addition to the 10% local match, certain project expenses such as engineering and design are not eligible for federal funding, so the actual local cost will be greater than 10% of the total project cost.

This project will include the installation of overhead mast arm signals at existing traffic signal systems along Chicago Avenue South from Franklin Avenue to East 31<sup>st</sup> Street in south Minneapolis that will address an existing accident problem. These overhead mast arm additions are proposed at East 24<sup>th</sup> Street, East 26<sup>th</sup> Street, East 28<sup>th</sup> Street, East Lake Street, and East 31<sup>st</sup> Street. The signals at East 25<sup>th</sup> Street and East 27<sup>th</sup> Street already have overhead mast arms signals installed.

**Financial Impact**

In order to apply for the funding, it is necessary for the City to commit to funding the local match. The local match for this project has not been identified and is not included in the proposed 2004-2008 Capital Improvement Program (CIP). If the City is successful in obtaining federal funds we will return to your Committee with recommended adjustments to the City's 5 year CIP or alternative funding recommendations.

We recommend authorization for the following funding commitment:

Federal Funding request:	\$190,000
10% Local Match:	\$ 19,000
Local funding for ineligible expenses:	\$ 45,000

Total Local Capital Funding Commitment: \$ 64,000

If the above project goes forward, additional operation and maintenance funding will be necessary for proper care of the installations. As part of the application the City must commit to operate and maintain the new installations for their useful life. An estimate of these costs and recommended funding sources will be prepared for your Committee prior to the City's acceptance of the federal funds.

Cc: Michi Wells, Grants Office